
HOUSE RESOLUTION

COMMENDING EDDIE AND PAULA WERNER FOR THEIR DEDICATION TO MAKING
HAWAI'I ROADS SAFER FOR ALL.

1 WHEREAS, EDDIE AND PAULA WERNER are lifelong residents of
2 Nānākuli and have a long history of giving back to their
3 community; and
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5 WHEREAS, on the evening of April 24, 2016, their son,
6 Kaulana, whose name in Hawaiian means "the Famous One,"
7 tragically passed away in a drunk driving crash; and
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9 WHEREAS, EDDIE AND PAULA WERNER turned their grief
10 surrounding this senseless tragedy into an opportunity to raise
11 awareness about driving under the influence and fleeing the
12 scene of a crash to help the community avoid drunk driving-
13 related crashes in the future; and
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15 WHEREAS, Mothers Against Drunk Driving assisted EDDIE AND
16 PAULA WERNER in learning more about the devastating impacts of
17 drunk driving, teaching them to refer to these tragic events as
18 "crashes," not accidents; and
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20 WHEREAS, EDDIE AND PAULA WERNER, as well as others who have
21 lost loved ones in similar circumstances, urged the State
22 Legislature to create a law that would allow extended prison
23 terms for people convicted of fleeing the scene of a fatal
24 accident; on June 10, 2018, Governor David Ige signed into law,
25 Kaulana's Law, which became effective on July 1, 2018; and
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27 WHEREAS, EDDIE AND PAULA WERNER believe that it was their
28 son's destiny and legacy to help make Hawai'i a safer place for
29 all; and
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31 WHEREAS, EDDIE AND PAULA WERNER continue to support other
32 families who have lost family members to alcohol-related crashes



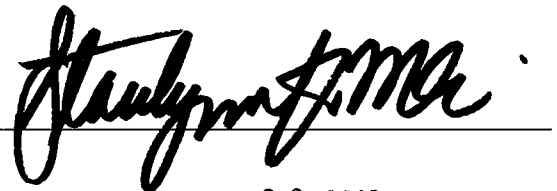
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1 by attending neighborhood board meetings as advocates for "Drive
2 with Aloha"; and
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4 WHEREAS, EDDIE AND PAULA WERNER have also partnered with
5 the Department of Transportation to improve roadways by adding
6 crosswalks, lighting, and signage to make the state's roadways
7 safer; now, therefore,
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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
10 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of
11 2019, that this body hereby acknowledges EDDIE AND PAULA WERNER
12 for their invaluable contributions to the people of Hawai'i and
13 extends to them its warmest aloha and best wishes for continued
14 success in all future endeavors.
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